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WORLD LARD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

Production

World lard production in 1973 was down 3 percent to 3.69 million metric tons. The decline in production resulted from reduced hog slaughter in the United States, where lard production was down 20 percent, and in the USSR, where lard production was down 7 percent.

For 1974, world lard production is expected to be up about 3.5 percent because of increased hog slaughter.

Trade

World lard exports were down 10 percent in 1973 to 426,500 metric tons. U.S. exports were down 31 percent, while those of the USSR and Eastern Europe both were down 25 percent. The Continental European Community (EC) was the only major exporter to show an increase over the 1972 level—up 8 percent in 1973. Improved EC sales resulted from larger exports to the United Kingdom. Shipments to other EC markets were down from 1972 levels.

The United Kingdom is the most important importer of lard, accounting for about 50 percent of world imports. Cuba and Japan are the other major markets with 18 and 10 percent, respectively, of world imports.

U.S. exports to the United Kingdom, the largest U.S. market for lard, have declined each year during 1970–1973, while other EC countries have increased their share of the United Kingdom market. From 1970 to 1973, U.S. exports to the United Kingdom fell from 117,600 to 26,300 metric tons. At the same time United Kingdom imports from the EC countries increased from 59,300 to 142,700 metric tons. Prior to February 1, 1973, the EC used export subsidies to gain access to the United Kingdom market. Since February 1, 1973, the United Kingdom has been a transitional EC member and other EC countries have been guaranteed preferential access to the United Kingdom market.

In the first 6 months of 1974, U.S. exports of lard were up 45 percent in volume despite a 71 percent increase in price over year-ago levels. Exports to the United Kingdom market were up 61 percent.

In the United Kingdom, as in other world markets, lard is selling at a more competitive price than other vegetable oil substitutes. As a result of increased lard production and high vegetable oil prices, world lard exports for 1974 are expected to be up about 5 percent.

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LARD : PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1964-68, ANNUAL 1969-73
IN THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1964-68	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA	57.4	52.3	55.1	62.8	55.3	46.3
MEXICO	35.8	44.0	47.0	53.0	59.0	58.0
UNITED STATES	959.8	863.6	867.7	889.0	706.7	568.0
OTHER	17.4	18.5	19.2	19.6	19.4	19.9
TOTAL	1,070.4	978.5	989.0	1,024.5	840.4	692.2
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA	30.0	30.7	31.5	37.2	36.6	45.0
BRAZIL	91.4	91.9	95.0	101.7	108.8	115.6
CHILE	4.2	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.2
COLOMBIA	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6
PERU	6.4	7.1	6.9	8.1	6.3	6.8
URUGUAY	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.5
VENEZUELA	4.6	6.3	6.3	6.5	7.1	6.0
TOTAL	140.6	145.3	149.2	162.6	168.4	183.7
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG	22.6	28.8	35.9	38.4	43.8	47.7
DENMARK	39.6	38.3	38.7	41.2	41.3	41.7
FRANCE	73.8	66.0	66.0	65.0	65.0	65.0
GERMANY,WEST	280.6	311.2	320.0	340.8	340.8	332.8
IRELAND	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.0
ITALY	77.8	82.9	79.4	86.0	95.2	109.0 *
NETHERLANDS	27.2	29.7	31.7	38.8	45.6	37.2
UNITED KINGDOM	10.8	11.8	11.7	12.5	11.8	11.8
TOTAL EC	534.6	571.1	585.9	625.2	645.9	647.2
AUSTRIA	33.4	33.0	32.3	31.8	30.1	30.1
FINLAND	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.7	3.6	3.6
GREECE	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.5	6.1	7.8
NORWAY	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4
PORTUGAL	8.8	11.1	9.8	10.3	11.4	12.8*
SPAIN	68.6	83.8	94.4	91.2	88.5	114.2
SWEDEN	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.7	9.4	9.0
SWITZERLAND	9.6	12.0	11.8	12.4	13.9	14.5
TOTAL WESTERN	670.2	726.9	750.9	790.0	810.2	840.6
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA	36.2	34.6	30.3	35.0	41.9	38.2
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	92.2	91.6	95.3	101.9	109.9	112.0
GERMANY,EAST	142.8	153.2	145.7	152.7	165.8	169.8 *
HUNGARY	76.2	75.3	77.7	94.1	110.7	97.3
POLAND	234.4	242.5	236.9	243.2	294.6	328.1
YUGOSLAVIA	121.4	104.5	120.4	145.2	134.0	130.0
TOTAL EASTERN	703.2	701.7	706.2	772.1	856.9	875.3
TOTAL EUROPE	1,373.4	1,428.5	1,457.2	1,562.1	1,667.1	1,716.0
U.S.S.R	688.0	706.2	783.7	910.3	924.8	862.5
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA,REP.OF	9.6	12.7	11.4	9.3	9.3	11.8 *
TOTAL	9.6	12.7	11.4	9.3	9.3	11.8
ASIA:						
CHINA,REP.OF (TAIWAN)	24.4	29.1	34.6	35.0	36.3	46.0
JAPAN	56.0	63.6	81.0	94.8	105.0	110.5
PHILIPPINES	46.8	57.4	55.4	56.0	59.4	56.0
TOTAL	127.4	150.0	170.9	185.8	200.7	212.5
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA	7.8	9.5	9.9	10.4	11.8	13.1
NEW ZEALAND	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3
TOTAL	8.2	9.9	10.3	10.8	12.3	13.4
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	3,417.4	3,431.1	3,571.7	3,865.3	3,823.0	3,692.1

* - FAS Estimate

1/ PRELIMINARY.

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TABLE 2-- LARD : INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, AVERAGE 1965-69, ANNUAL 1970-73

(IN THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS)

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1965-69 EXPORTS	AVERAGE 1965-69 IMPORTS	1970 EXPORTS	1970 IMPORTS	1971 EXPORTS	1971 IMPORTS	1972 EXPORTS	1972 IMPORTS	1973 1/ EXPORTS	1973 1/ IMPORTS
NORTH AMERICA:										
BELIZE	---	1.4	---	2/1.5	---	2/1.2	---	2/1.2	---	2/1.3
CANADA	---	12.0	---	9.4	.3	6.1	.1	9.8	.1	7.2
CUBA 3/	---	50.8	---	75.0	---	73.6	---	75.0	---	74.0
HAITI 2/	---	2.6	---	.5	---	.6	---	1.4	---	1.1
MEXICO 2/	---	9.2	---	20.2	---	11.8	---	11.9	---	18.8
PANAMA	---	1.1	---	.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
UNITED STATES	93.8	---	166.0	---	128.0	.2	74.6	.1	51.4	---
TOTAL	93.8	77.0	166.0	107.1	128.3	93.5	74.7	99.4	51.5	102.4
SOUTH AMERICA:										
ARGENTINA	10.0	---	12.5	---	10.2	---	6.0	---	9.1	---
BOLIVIA	---	11.5	---	4/9.8	---	4/9.9	---	4/9.5	---	4/ 2.1
CHILE	---	8.6	---	9.7	---	8.4	---	4/7.9	---	4/ 3.4
PERU	---	.9	---	.6	---	.7	---	.3	---	---
TOTAL	10.0	21.0	12.5	20.2	10.2	19.0	6.0	17.7	9.1	5.5
EUROPE:										
WESTERN:										
EC:										
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG 5/	29.6	12.2	29.2	17.3	21.3	9.3	27.0	8.5	34.7	19.8
DENMARK	13.1	.5	9.2	1.6	7.9	2.5	9.7	5.3	8.7	1.7
FRANCE	39.9	.1	29.2	.2	27.1	---	26.9	.3	34.9	1.0
GERMANY, WEST	9.7	3.9	14.1	4.3	21.9	3.1	33.5	2.0	35.5	3.0
IRELAND	.7	.5	.6	.3	.5	1.6	.4	2.6	.6	1.2
ITALY	19.9	.1	5.6	---	10.7	---	16.9	.6	22.5	---
NETHERLANDS 5/	37.0	5.4	56.9	9.9	56.7	8.0	65.0	12.0	56.8	8.4
UNITED KINGDOM	.7	191.4	1.0	189.7	.8	204.4	.8	219.8	1.5	207.1
TOTAL EC	149.5	214.1	145.8	223.3	146.9	229.0	180.2	251.1	195.3	242.2
AUSTRIA	.1	.1	.1	---	.7	---	1.0	1.1	1.0	.5
MALTA	---	1.1	---	.9	---	.8	---	.7	---	.7*
NORWAY	---	.2	---	.2	---	.1	---	.1	---	.1
PORTUGAL	.1	1.4	.2	.4	.1	1.7	.1	.2	.1*	.2*
SPAIN	.8	.3	12.9	---	10.3	---	.8	.1	3/8.3	---
SWEDEN	2.9	.3	2.7	.3	3.6	.4	4.1	.2	2.3	.1
SWITZERLAND	3.4	.2	4.7	---	4.9	---	6.2	---	7.1	.1
TOTAL WESTERN	156.8	217.6	166.4	225.0	166.5	232.1	192.5	253.3	214.1	243.7
EASTERN:										
BULGARIA 3/	15.8	.2	16.3	.1	17.9	.1	16.0	.1	22.0	---
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4/	---	9.9	---	15.7	---	12.3	---	13.4	---	13.6
HUNGARY	4.0	10.5	2.0	12.1	18.0	4.1	46.8	---	3/6.1	---
POLAND	9.8	2.5	---	29.6	---	34.4	6.1	3.1	3/15.0	---
ROMANIA 3/	13.8	---	7.0	---	6.0	---	5.0	---	13.0	---
YUGOSLAVIA	---	6.2	---	6.7	---	6.0	---	.7	---	3/4.4
TOTAL EASTERN	43.4	35.2	25.3	64.1	42.0	56.9	73.9	17.3	56.1	18.0
TOTAL EUROPE	200.2	252.9	191.7	289.1	208.5	289.0	266.4	270.6	270.2	261.7
U.S.S.R.	63.5	4.6	88.9	1.3	117.8	1.3	122.7	1.3	91.0	1.3
ASIA:										
HONG KONG	2.1	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.9	2.2	1.3	2.0	3.5	2.0
JAPAN	1.8	51.4	2.3	28.1	3.2	33.9	3.1	36.9	.9	40.2
KOREA, REP. OF	---	4.0	---	1.8	---	3.3	---	.7	---	1.8
SINGAPORE	.5	1.0	.3	1.0	.3	1.7	.3	.4	.3*	.4*
TOTAL	4.4	58.5	3.7	32.7	5.4	41.1	4.7	40.0	4.7	44.3
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	371.8	419.9	462.8	450.4	470.1	443.9	476.4	429.1	426.5	415.2

* - FAS ESTIMATES

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ UNITED STATES EXPORTS.
3/ SOURCE: OIL WORLD.
4/ FROM PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES.
5/ EXPORTS INCLUDE LARD PROCESSED FROM IMPORTED HOG GREASE.

NOTE: A DASH DENOTES NO TRADE OR TRADE LESS THAN 50 TONS.

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Table 3--Lard: Production and exports, world and U.S. annual 1970-73

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Year	World		United States			
					Exports as percent of	
	Production	Exports	Production	Exports	World exports	U.S. production
1970	3,571.7	462.8	867.7	166.0	35.9	19.1
1971	3,865.3	470.1	889.0	128.0	27.2	14.4
1972	3,823.0	474.4	706.7	74.6	15.7	10.6
1973 1/	3,692.1	426.5	568.0	51.4	12.1	9.0

1/ Preliminary.

Table 4--Lard: Exports of specified countries by country of destination, annual 1970-73

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Exporting country and country of destination	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
United States:				
United Kingdom	117.6	104.2	52.7	26.3
Mexico	20.2	11.8	11.9	18.8
Canada	7.3	4.2	5.4	3.0
Belize	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3
Haiti	.5	.6	1.4	1.1
Germany, West	.4	.5	.5	.5
Belgium-Luxembourg	.9	1.3	.6	2/
Peru	.6	.3	.1	---
Yugoslavia	6.5	2.4	---	---
Poland	7.8	---	---	---
Korea, Republic of	1.0	2/	2/	2/
Panama	.2	2/	2/	2/
Other countries	1.5	1.5	.8	.4
Total	166.0	128.0	74.6	51.4
3/				
Netherlands:				
United Kingdom	15.1	27.8	44.7	47.7
Cuba	19.0	12.2	---	3.1
Japan	1.9	.9	1.2	1.8
Hong Kong	.6	.5	.6	.8
Germany, West	2.5	1.4	.6	.6
Bolivia	4.8	6.8	9.4	.4
Chile	2.4	3.0	2.5	.3
Peru	.1	.4	.2	.1
Brazil	2/	---	4.1	2/
Poland	3.0	1.3	---	---
Belgium-Luxembourg	4.8	---	---	---
Other countries	2.7	2.4	1.7	2.0
Total	56.9	56.7	65.0	56.8
USSR:				
Czechoslovakia	15.7	12.3	13.4	13.6
Egypt	2.9	6.0	4.0	4.0
Austria	2.3	12.1	17.8	3.7
Hungary	5.5	8.7	4.3	2.2
Yugoslavia	6.5	2.3	3.9	.4
Bulgaria	5.5	8.7	---	---
Vietnam, North	2.0	2.0	---	---
Other countries	48.5	65.7	79.3	67.1
Total	88.9	117.8	122.7	91.0

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Table 4--Lard: Exports of specified countries by country of destination, annual 1970-73 (continued)

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Exporting country and country of destination	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
Italy:				
United Kingdom	.2	6.4	16.7	21.2
Poland	1.8	4.2	---	---
Hungary	2.1	---	---	---
Cuba	.5	---	---	---
Other countries	1.0	.1	.2	1.3
Total	5.6	10.7	16.9	22.5
Belgium-Luxembourg: 3/				
United Kingdom	19.2	14.0	23.6	26.8
Japan	.3	---	.5	3.7
Cuba	3.6	3.3	---	3.0
Netherlands	1.6	.3	.7	.4
Poland	4.0	2.9	---	---
Other countries	.5	.8	2.2	.8
Total	29.2	21.3	27.0	34.7
France:				
United Kingdom	10.9	16.1	19.3	22.9
Belgium-Luxembourg	9.1	4.9	4.3	10.3
Reunion	1.8	1.1	1.5	1.1
Netherlands	1.2	1.2	.1	.1
Cuba	3.7	2.6	---	---
Other countries	2.5	1.2	1.7	.5
Total	29.2	27.1	26.9	34.9
Germany, West:				
United Kingdom	3.1	4.8	12.4	13.0
Netherlands	8.0	11.0	13.8	10.6
Belgium-Luxembourg	1.2	2.6	1.5	7.8
Denmark	1.5	2.7	5.2	3.6
Other countries	.3	.8	.6	.5
Total	14.1	21.9	33.5	35.5
Denmark:				
United Kingdom	6.0	6.7	8.5	7.3
Germany, West	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.0
Other countries	1.7	.1	.1	.4
Total	9.2	7.9	9.7	8.7

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50 tons. 3/ Includes lard processed from imported hog grease.

Table 5--Lard: United Kingdom, imports by country of origin, annual 1970-73

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Country of origin	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
EC-8:				
Belgium-Luxembourg	21.6	20.5	41.0	41.6
Denmark	6.2	6.6	8.3	7.7
France	10.0	14.4	17.2	22.0
Germany, West	3.6	5.4	16.1	13.3
Ireland	.2	2/	.1	---
Italy	.2	6.6	16.6	16.0
Netherlands	17.5	22.8	38.0	42.1
Sub-total	59.3	76.3	137.3	142.7
United States	118.0	116.6	55.5	26.2
Romania	1.2	3.5	4.7	9.8
Poland	.1	.1	2.7	5.6
Bulgaria	---	---	.9	1.9
Sweden	2.0	3.0	3.2	1.8
Switzerland	1.2	2.5	1.9	1.6
Czechoslovakia	---	2/	1.8	1.5
Hungary	---	2/	8.9	1.2
USSR	---	---	2.2	---
Spain	7.6	2.1	.3	---
Other countries	.3	.3	.4	14.8
Total	189.7	204.4	219.8	207.1

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50 tons.

Table 6--Lard: EC trade by country of origin and destination, annual 1970-73 1/

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Country	1970	1971	1972	1973 2/
Imports:				
Country of origin:				
United States	118.7	118.1	56.2	27.0
Romania	1.2	3.5	4.8	10.1
Poland	.1	.2	2.7	5.7
Switzerland	1.4	2.6	2.2	2.7
Sweden	2.1	3.0	3.3	1.9
Bulgaria	---	---	.9	1.9
Czechoslovakia	---	3/	1.9	1.6
Hungary	3/	.2	13.8	1.2
USSR	---	---	2.5	.9
Spain	8.0	2.2	.3	.2
Germany, East	---	---	.9	---
Other countries	.4	.3	.4	15.5
Total	131.9	130.1	89.9	68.7
Exports:				
Country of destination:				
Cuba	26.9	18.1	---	6.1
Japan	2.2	.9	1.7	5.5
Reunion	1.8	1.1	1.5	1.1
Bolivia	4.8	6.8	9.5	.8
Hong Kong	.6	.5	.6	.8
Chile	2.4	3.0	2.5	.3
Brazil	3/	---	6.4	3/
Poland	9.8	9.1	---	---
Hungary	4.3	---	---	---
Other countries	1.4	5.0	3.8	6.0
Total	54.2	44.5	26.0	20.6

1/ Excludes intra-trade among nine-member countries. 2/ Preliminary.
3/ Less than 50 tons.

Table 7--Lard: Supply and distribution in the United Kingdom, annual 1970-73

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
Supply:				
Domestic production	11.7	12.5	11.8	11.8
Imports	189.7	204.4	219.8	207.1
Total	201.4	216.9	231.6	218.9
Distribution:				
Used in margarine and compounds	32.5	47.8	52.8	77.2
Exports	1.0	.8	.8	1.5
Consumption	167.9	168.3	178.0	140.2
Stock change	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total	201.4	216.9	231.6	218.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Not available.

Table 8--Lard: Principal foreign suppliers' percentage share of total United Kingdom imports, annual 1970-73

(Thousand Metric Tons)

Supplier	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
United States	62.2	57.0	25.3	12.7
EC-8	31.3	37.3	62.5	68.9
Other countries	6.5	5.7	12.2	18.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Preliminary.

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